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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

Montpelier ought to give thanks that the legislature went home as soon as it did.

Harvard's foot ball team was not all wool and a yard wide, but all brawn and six feet tall, exactly.

Talk about hand to mouth existence: Chancellor Von Buelow handed Kaiser Wilhelm a speech which the latter's mouth uttered.

Rutland's city marshal says that a conflagration in Rutland nowadays is as secretive as an executive session of the Vermont session. If the total damage is as light, perhaps even the Rutland marshal will be thankful.

There can't be very great social for Tom Hagen in reading the official returns from the various states. The great state of Illinois, for instance, gave Hagen 7,648 votes for president, against Tait's 629,538 and Bryan's 450,810.

There is magic in the word "granite." Tell a man he has got a granite quarry on his farm and he goes into ecstasies as he would were he to be told that a gold mine was concealed about his premises. Little wonder in view of the "gold" that has been dug out of Barre's granite quarries!

In spite of the fact that the comic sheets have worn out, the "blow-out-the-gas" joke people still continue to blow on the gas, to the peril of their frail existence. Those two Keeseville men who tried the experiment in a Burlington lodging-house the other night will take their lesson seriously. Others inclined to blow out the gas please take notice: gas is a killer.

Far from being discredited in his own organization, Samuel Gompers seems to have grown in power with the American Federation of Labor, which body on Saturday again elected him as president. This re-election may also be taken somewhat as a retort to alleged snubs against labor, in which Gompers as the head of the organization had to take the brunt. Aside from that, however, Gompers holds a remarkable sway in the American Federation of Labor.

CUSHMAN REWARDED.

While it is perhaps not true that J. E. Cushman "has come to be a necessity" in the office of state tax commissioner, as one contemporary sweepingly asserts, it is true that Mr. Cushman's good work in that department could have been rewarded only by another appointment. So Gov. Prouty did the grateful thing as well as the reasonable thing in again selecting Mr. Cushman for the place. Commissioner Cushman gives the same scrupulous attention to the minutiae of the office as he gives to the things of large import, and as a result he has his finger on the state tax business to a nicety. The people may rest assured that the department is in capable hands and that it will be administered with care.

THE COLLEGE FOOT BALL SEASON.

The college foot ball season, which has been brought practically to a close (although there are a few scattering games to be played next Thursday) leaves Harvard in a position to claim the championship, disputed perhaps only by the University of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, these two teams did not meet this fall and there is no actual basis for comparison of their respective merits. On their records, however, Harvard appears to have the stronger foot ball machine. It has met and conquered every collegiate opponent in the East save Pennsylvania, and the list includes Dartmouth, the Indians, Brown and Yale. Likewise, Pennsylvania has conquered all its opponents, but the list does not include so many teams of the same strength and importance as those which Harvard met. Against those it has been opposed to the Pennsylvanians were very successful. However, Pennsylvania did not play against any of the old-time "Big Four," Princeton, Yale or Harvard, nor did it meet such a team as Dartmouth. Its victory over Brown, while more decisive than Harvard's against the same team, does not furnish sufficient basis for declaring that Pennsylvania is superior to Harvard, and its sweeping victories in other games were won over teams which are not considered in the first or even the second class of collegiate foot ball. Therefore, on the basis of their records, Harvard stands superior. The Crimson's defeat of a team which represents the highest foot ball system in the country on Saturday stamps Harvard as an unusual aggregation of athletes shaped, for once, into a fighting whole. The victory over Yale was not by decisive score, but sufficient to demonstrate that Harvard was just a little the better. Foot ball experts will undoubtedly place Harvard in the first position. This sort of history does not often repeat itself, it may be said.



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CURRENT COMMENT.

Patriotism and Piety.

The Swanton Courier makes an excellent suggestion as follows:

"Governor Prouty's Thanksgiving proclamation is well worth reading in all the public schools. It breathes of thankfulness, is reverent, and is wise in counsel and elevating in thought." This all true and more might also be said in praise. The public school is the cradle of patriotism. It is maintained by the state and it should ever conserve the interests of the commonwealth in the broadest sense of that term. Patriotism and a spirit of devoutness should go hand in hand, thus perpetuating the grand heritage handed down to us by our New England fathers.—Burlington Free Press.

The Roxbury Hatchery.

The argument for the abolishment of the state fish hatchery at Roxbury seems to be placed largely on the ground that the United States government is carrying on a fish culture station in Vermont and therefore there is no reason for maintaining two such institutions. It is pertinent to call attention to the fact that Vermont has no more claim on or control over the government station in this state, than it has upon one in California. The government is not running its station for Vermont and this state will get no more consideration from the federal government in the distribution of its products. The Roxbury Hatchery should not be given up under the misapprehension that Vermont has the least controlling interest in the government station.—Northfield News.

The Speed of Autos.

H. 294 passed the House with flying colors yesterday, and only two obstacles now lie between it and the statute book—the Senate and the governor.

H. 294 is a bill to regulate the speed of automobiles and other motor vehicles. The limit fixed is twenty-five miles an hour in the country—"outside a city or incorporated village," the bill says, though how autoist can, by looking at it, tell the difference between an incorporated and unincorporated village is a question too deep for us—and ten miles an hour within a city, "incorporated village or the shikely settled part of a town." Over bridges of more than fifty feet span the speed limit is six miles an hour. If these rates of speed are exceeded, "it shall be prima facie evidence that the automobile or motor vehicle is run carelessly or negligently," the basis of the proposed law being the proposition that no automobile or motor vehicle shall be run on a public way, or private way laid out under authority of statute, in a careless or negligent manner.

No doubt this bill prescribes reasonable limits of speed. But, in common with most or all of the restrictive bills that have come under our notice, no provision whatever is made for its enforcement. Legislators seem to think that it is sufficient to enact a law. Experience and observation show that this is not the case. The automobile is a novelty in all respects. Our legislation hasn't yet caught up with it.—Burlington News.

Menace of Divorce.

The divorce mills of South Dakota were not out of business a day too soon, and other states will do well to tighten up their divorce laws, if Walter F. Wilcox, professor of economics and statistics at Cornell university, has been quoted correctly. Professor Wilcox is consulting statistician of New York state department of health, and for the United States census bureau. He has had much to do with compiling the statistics on marriage and divorce which will soon be issued by the government. Professor Wilcox is quoted in the course of a lecture delivered by him at Ithaca, to the following effect:

"The increase of divorces is so rapid that at the end of the present century, if it is not checked, fully one-half of the marriages will be ended by divorce instead of by death."

Incidentally, he presented some interesting statistics bearing on the period of married life at which divorces are most common, and showed that the chances for a dissolution of marriage in the divorce courts after children are born are only one-fourth what they would be if there were no offspring. Having called attention to the fact that the average duration of life at the present time is much greater than it used to be, he suggested that the increasing length of life made it possible to maintain the population from a smaller number of births; and this he considered a partial offset against the decreased proportion of marriages now going on in most countries. The increase in the divorce rate, however, as set forth in the published reports of Professor Wilcox's lecture, is nothing short of startling.—Manchester Union.

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Normal Schools.

There is undoubtedly a sentiment favorable to the establishment of a single state normal school and the abolishment of the three present schools. The News shares in this view, but it would again respectfully caution the legislature to go slow in such a movement, notwithstanding the undoubtedly well intended advice of its St. Albans taking is a large and important one. Its success depends in a great measure upon a right start of the project. The proposed appropriation of \$125,000 is surely a beginning, and while the News has no doubt that the people of Vermont are willing to be liberal in the matter, if the proposition was started off at this time and a mistake made which would necessitate doing a portion of the work over again a large additional cost, the tendency would be to retard the whole project for a good while. The legislature should pass upon the final details of starting such an undertaking after it is carefully mapped out by an efficient educational board. In two years the work could be laid before the legislature with care in every important detail and enough money appropriated to give it a fair start. Conservation in this matter is worth while.—Northfield News.

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"GOD'S OPPORTUNITY AND MAN'S," SUBJECT

Of Sermon by Rev. W. J. M. Beattie at Church of the Good Shepherd Yesterday Morning.

The Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, preached a strong sermon on "God's Opportunity and Man's," at the morning service of his church yesterday, taking as his text: II Cor. 12:9, "And He hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness."

When we first begin to consider it, the order of this world is not at all to our minds. If we ever come to think well of it, if we ever come to like it, without exception it is through a great reconciliation.

We pass from disapproval to quiet acceptance through a profound insight, a nobler wisdom, a loftier experience, a vaster and surer hope. At the first the order of this world is a for honest and serious persons a supreme disappointment.

Without audacity, without hypocrisy, in all sad sincerity, we declare that if we had made this world we should have made it differently. If we had made the world we should have put no winter into our sky, no storms on our seas, no volcanoes in our islands, no reign of death over our empire.

If we had made the human race we should have put into it no physical defects, no mental eccentricity, no bias of will towards evil. If we had made this world, we should not have wrapped it in impenetrable and appalling mystery. Our disappointment is deep and sad. It is more. It takes the form of revolt. We have seen a child beautiful, on some radiant morning looking out upon the world in perfect admiration and joy. We have seen the change pass over the countenance of that child as it comes to realize for the first time the cruelty, the suffering, and the death that reign, in that fair world; still more as it comes to know man's inhumanity to man, the child's joy is turned to grief, its admiration is turned to horror. For the moment, sympathy with mankind and nature is changed into fierce hatred and revolt.

At the beginning we are equally disappointed with our Master Jesus Christ. His program is not our program for ourselves. He does not at first fulfill our expectations. He does not keep His promises as we understand them. He does not remove our diseases, nor heal our sicknesses. Only fanatics believe that and for men who value sure thinking, fanaticism is too great a price to pay for peace. He does not remove our weaknesses all at once. He does not lift the fixed boundaries of existence, or change the order in which we live.

He does not transport us to the paradise in which there is no forbidden tree in which there is no serpent, no possibility of fatal deceit, and no fall from honor. This is no our Master's method with us. He leaves us where He found us, in the world of toil, misunderstanding, contradiction, sorrow, death. He leaves us here and He works upon us slowly. Slowly along the avenues of thought along the paths of feeling, by the power of His spirit upon our spirit. Sickness is sickness, loss is loss. What does Christ do for those who love Him? It is clear He does not change their world, of their fate; nor does He change them at a stroke.

Here comes in the great endeavor of high minds to justify the ways of God to man. There comes a time when noble and candid men are willing to confess that perhaps God knew better than they how to make the world. There comes a time when serious disciples of Christ are willing to admit that perhaps their Master knows His work better than they. Paul had come to this mood. He had been tormented with some strange experience, there was a thorn in his flesh, it was cutting and tearing there every moment.

That this thorn might be removed, Paul threw his whole soul into prayer; it was his intense and passionate cry to God for relief from the terrible pain. It was a cry for a changed environment. It represents the great burden of the world's prayer in all ages. Ninety-nine out of every hundred prayers that have been offered since the morning of time have had reference to environment. We pray to be delivered from pinching poverty, from ungenial tasks, from the presence of people who are unsympathetic and unfriendly.

We pray that failure may be averted, that sickness may not come near our dwelling and that the shadow of death may be turned back. We pray for a heavenly environment, for a lot of life according to our dreams of good, for a Paradise without a forbidden tree and without a serpent. These are the burden of the world's prayers. Our first reflections, there is something appalling in the absolute negative which God returns to most of the prayers that are offered to Him by mortal man.

Paul's prayer was not granted, but something better than what he prayed for. Thus the world as God made it became the best of all possible worlds. It is this world as it stands, as God made it, is man's supreme opportunity. It is His opportunity for what? For heroism, for the highest type of manhood. One thing is clear, absolutely clear, that this world was not made for cowards. For them and for all their kind, it is the worst possible world. It is only for endurance, self-denial, devotion, magnanimity, brave service with no stipulations about wages. It runs counter in its great tragic currents, to the egoism of man. From the egoistic position it appears a shocking world. On the other hand, this world as it stands is the best possible world for all who would be dauntless, chivalrous, of a temper fine and high. The birds that fly in the storm and prevail, the ship that sails in the tempest and outlives it, the hard pressed toiler who can make both ends meet, the business man consumed by anxiety who is yet able to control his business and make it a success, the person who is up to the neck

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